From:

Rob Hawk

To:

Barrett, Jim; Curtis, Thyme; Fisher, Jim; Ruiz, Alex

Date: Subject:

Mon, Aug 6, 2007 4:56 PM Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

All: I concur with Jim regarding the cracking. Attached are some photos from 7/24/07 & 8/06/07 with no discernable change. Note that the patch appears intact. However, if we continue to experience leaks in this area, please let me know due to the past history of the road.

Rob Hawk

>>> Alex Ruiz 8/6/07 2:18 PM >>>

All:

The following is a summary of today's observations from Jim Fisher, Water Ops Division Deputy Director, who personally visited the Soledad Mt Rd site this morning:

- A water leak reported on Friday was the result of a defective repair saddle. It appears that the adhesive used to attached the gasket to the stainless steel saddle failed and allowed water to leak out. The actual amount of water coming from the previous repair/patch was minimal, so the leak was held until today for repairs.
- The cracks in the street do not appear to have changed since Operations Division managers visited the site a couple weeks ago.
- The report of "a lot of water" was the result of the main draining activity associate with the leak repairs and the excavated hole being pumped out. As mentioned before there was minimal leakage coming from the failed saddle itself.
- Our understanding was that SDG&E was on site to shutdown a gas service to a single residence who had a leak and that it was in no way related to the leaking water service.
- Johnny Mitchell, Acting Construction Manager spoke to Mr. Crab, who showed Johnny what he thought was additional ground subsidence and a crack on the house at this address (see attached pictures). Neither the subsidence or crack appear to be related to the blown service in mid July, nor the leak on Friday.

In conclusion, it does not appear that anything has changed in the area since the last time we were out there in mid July.

Staff will follow-up on the on-going analysis of the area in an effort to eliminate potential causes of street cracking. Staff will follow-up with MWWD to see what they have found in the televising of the sewer main, then with Field Engineering on boring the street to see if there is any undermining occurring.

If you have any questions, please let me or Jim Fisher know.

Alex

(619) 533-6692 Assistant Director Water Department

>>> Thyme Curtis 8/6/2007 9:58 AM >>> Hello,

Tom Crab just called and said there are new cracks in Soledad Mtn Road, as of today, that seems to indicate a much larger problem and is worried that a major problem needs to be averted.

There are new cracks at 5725 Soledad Mtn. Road, and the ground is sinking. Mr. Crab said that there is a lot of water from the leak, and that crews are working on the leak right now, though the street is cracking

very badly "as we speak" and SDG&E has vented the street to prevent an explosion, as there is a gas leak. He was very concerned, I told him I would immediately email his concerns to the proper people.

Thank you,

Thyme

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>>> Richard Haas 7/19/2007 11:26:42 AM >>> Hi Thyme,

Jim Barrett, the Director of the Water Department, is researching this problem and is planning to call Mr. Crab back.

Jim or Alex Ruiz (Assistant Director) will send you an e-mail and let you know the summary of their discussions.

Rich

>>> Thyme Curtis 7/19/2007 10:34 AM >>> Hi Rich.

A constituent named Tom Crab (619.997.4359, 5703 Soledad Mtn Road) just called and is very concerned about Soledad Mtn Road, specifically in front of 5715 Soledad Mtn Road. He said that the street has been sinking and cracking for the past few months, and back in March 2007 he reported a crack in the street that was subsequently patched. Last night a pipe cracked and is currently being fixed by city crews, but Mr. Crab believes something more is going on underneath the street, that it is sinking or moving. He's hoping a geologist or engineer can take a look before something major happens.

Thanks,

Thyme

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